



*For the Members and Friends of Zion Lutheran Church
July 2022*

The **Long Valley Lutheran**

Sundays in July

July 3, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Service of Holy Communion

July 10, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Service of Holy Communion

July 17, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Service of Holy Communion
Baptism of Niko Chieppa

July 24, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Service of Holy Communion

July 31, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Service of Holy Communion

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Summer service 9:00AM
Indoor and virtual

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS/OFFICERS:

President: Tom Scudese
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Secretary: Jeanne Howell
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LVCNS Director..... Meghan Bridge
Bus. Administrator....JoAnn McElwaine

Office Hours
Parish Secretary Sarah
M-Fr from 9:00AM to 1PM.

If you wish to stop by, please call ahead just to make
sure someone is here.

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Pastor Ingrid
Will be on vacation July 5th - 12th

M-Th mornings

Pastor Ingrid is off on Fridays.

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The deadline for the
August Newsletter is
July 24th



Articles may be sent to the church
office via email at

zionlongvalley@gmail.com, or left in Sarah
Scudese's mail box in the Parish Center.

Your prompt attention to the deadline is
greatly appreciated!



As we approach the lazy days of summer, I'd like to go on record to try to reverse the adage I've heard people say over the years; that is, "Lutherans shouldn't/don't feel guilty when they don't go to church!" I'm partly joking but partly serious. Lutherans don't use the word *obligation* when we describe worship, but we do understand that God has *commanded* us to worship "Remember the sabbath, keep it holy*" not because God somehow needs it, but because *we* desperately need it! God is certainly present everywhere -- but promises to be absolutely and predictably present as believers gather around God's Word & Sacraments. Through them, God's Spirit gives us the gift of faith (trust) in God. This experience of trusting God makes all the difference in daily life - so that the meaning of life and the sense of self (identity) are far more tangible and secure.

So here's my advice: Don't go to church thinking of it as an obligation or because it does something for God. Rather, go to church because *you* need it – that is you need faith, God's forgiveness & life, and sisters and brothers in belief. I'm very grateful that we have been able to livestream worship and we will continue to do so. However, it's not quite the same as worshipping in person – not only for the person tuning in, but also everybody else gathered – because the rest of the community can't see you or hear you. And beginning with the twelve apostles Jesus gathered – the Christian faith has always been communal.

In summary, go ahead and feel guilty if you don't go to church! ☺ You cheat not only yourself, but you also cheat your brothers and sisters in Christ - out of your presence and faith.

*The 3rd Commandment. Small Catechism's description: We are to fear and love God, so that we do not despise preaching or God's word, but instead keep that word holy and gladly hear and learn it.



Please remember in your prayers all of our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally, and are battling life altering conditions.

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. Let them recover their health, so that restored, they may joyfully praise your name, for you and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

*Aunt Pam
Dennis Adamson
Ellen Blaine
Charlie Burd
James Carkhuff
Diane Carlock
Bob Clay
Karen Curry
Ralph Derr
Donna East
Justin Fogerty
Theresa Geiger
Krista Gundersen*

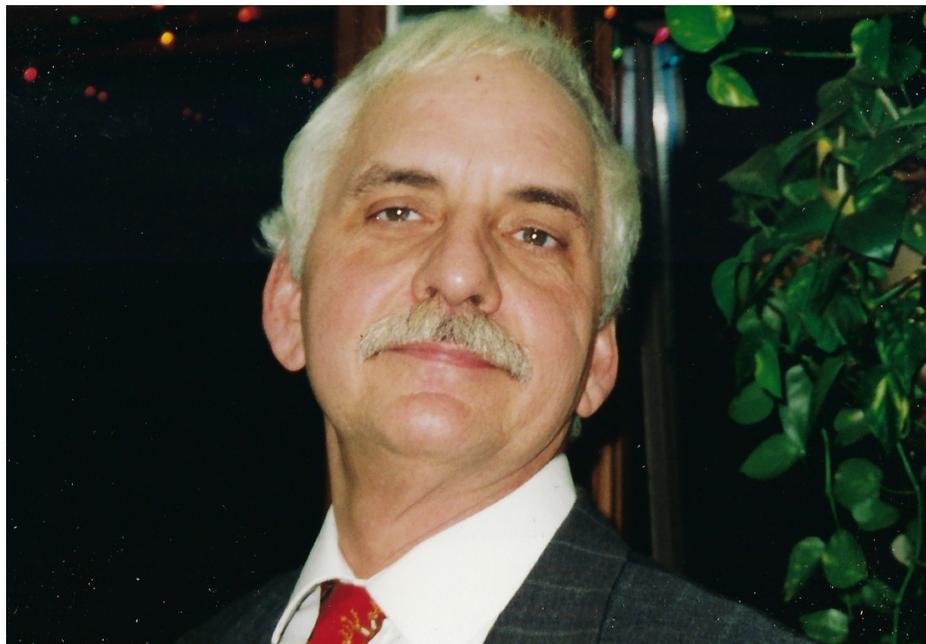
*James Hassel
Kirk Klein
Elfrieda Kiesling
Sue Koeppen
Mary Lim
Emily Mancuso
Cathy Mindel
Taryn Blaine Monsolino
Jim Newquist
Deena Salvatore
Ferdinand Salvatore
Rhea Saffar
Dan Steffen
June Sweeney*

New prayer requests will also appear in the announcements each week.

Please contact the church office for additions, to make updates, or with questions.

Blessed are those who die in the Lord

Robert A. Weis, Jr.



Robert A. Weis, Jr., 79, of Long Valley, NJ passed away on Friday, June 17, 2022 at Hackensack Medical Center. Robert was born on April 7, 1943 in Hackensack, NJ. He has lived in Long Valley, NJ for the past 37 years and previously lived in Maywood, NJ. He was a skilled carpenter and owner of Baukaunst Builders in Long Valley, NJ. Robert was a proud US Navy veteran and served during the Vietnam War.

Robert was very active in the local community. He was a member of the Long Valley Veterans, past president of the Jockey Hollow Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, active with the Boys Scouts of American, a member of the Zion Lutheran Church, and a soccer and baseball coach for the Maywood Boys Club. He also enjoyed gardening, cooking, fishing, woodworking, and trap shooting.

Robert is survived by his wife, Dorothy Weis, his sons, Brian Weis and wife Melissa, David Weis and wife Kristin, and Robert Engelbrecht and wife Eva, his daughter, Andrea Dunbar and husband Matthew, and 7 grandchildren.

Our prayers are with Dottie and her family.



Worship in June

We will have one service at 9AM through September 26th

Virtual: We live-stream the service to

[Zion's YouTube channel](#), and it's automatically recorded so that you can worship when you are able.

The worship bulletin, readings and music are [located on our website](#)

On June 19th
we celebrated the Baptism
of
Charlotte Jane Callow
Daughter of
Gregory & Meghan
little sister of Emmett
Congratulations!!!



Appointed Worship Readings for July

<u>Worship Date</u>	<u>Old or New Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
July 3	Galatians 6: 7-16	Psalm 66:1-9	Luke 10:1-11,16-20
July 10	Deuteronomy 30: 9-14	Psalm 25:1-10	Luke 10:25-37
July 17	Colossians 1: 15-28	Psalm 15	Luke 10:38-42
July 24	Genesis 18: 20-32	Psalm 138	Luke 11:1-13
July 31	Colossians 3: 1-11	Psalm 49:1-12	Luke 12:13-21



TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Will resume after Labor Day-9/6
Enjoy your summer!!!



Coffee Hour Sign Ups are in Fields Hall

We will have Summer coffee hour after the 9AM service.

It will be so nice for the 8AM folk, to see the 10:30AM folk and vice versa.

So please gather in Field's Hall after worship.

Congratulations on their Confirmation

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Morgan, Ashley & Megan the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their lives, empower them in serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life.

(prayer at Affirmation of Baptism)



Congregation Council

A “Faithful Journey” with other congregations in the Western Mission District

Zion’s Council has decided to participate in a process called “Faithful Journey” with nearby Lutheran congregations in the Western Mission District, which is facilitated by the New Jersey Synod. The purpose is for each congregation to spend time engaging God’s Word, and reflecting and conversing to better sense who the congregation is, what’s happening in the community, and how God might be calling and leading in this moment. The other congregations are Zion Lutheran Church (LC), Oldwick; Zion LC, Spruce Run; Trinity LC, Dover; and St. Andrew LC, Parsippany. Originally Zion, Oldwick asked the NJ Synod for assistance in beginning a new chapter with their new pastor and it unfolded into this wider endeavor.

Here is a short description of the process: *“Faithful Journey is a 2-year cohort journey for congregations in close geographic proximity to walk together. Each congregation is expected to identify a guiding team (Pastor and 4-6 lay leaders) to strengthen current and new leaders. These guiding teams then form a learning community (8 gatherings on Saturdays from 9AM-3PM) to be trained in new practices of listening to God, one another, and neighbors, to be more attuned to God’s calling and sending - in other words, listening well in order to faithfully discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. As part of the Saturday gatherings, guiding teams will receive tools to grow in their personal spiritual practice, discipleship, leadership, and generosity while receiving resources to teach others. There will be regular follow-up conversations between the Saturday gatherings to assist congregations in moving ahead. Each congregation will have a coach.”*

There has been a zoom and an in-person meeting so that each congregation might decide whether to participate. Some of the common issues raised were post-pandemic questions and concerns around worship and financial viability; e.g., will people come back and if not ...? We raised the concern about the gulf between faithful, active parishioners who lean right and left and how to make a bridge.

Council has already identified a list of people who we think are thoughtful, who can hear and understand different perspectives and who care for the church. If you think God is calling you to serve on this team, please contact me or Tom Scudese. The next meeting is August 27.

-Pastor Ingrid Wengert

Congregation Council

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ron Schulz, Treasurer

This report shows actuals for five months thru May and preliminary/estimate month of June information

	Year-to-Date May 31st,			Month of June		
	ACTUAL 2022	ACTUAL 2021	Notes	Estimate 2022 (f)	ACTUAL 2021	Notes
OPERATING				<i>thru 6/26</i>		
General (incl. Simply Giving)	\$85,348	\$78,098		\$11,902	\$14,902	
Other Operating	\$26,446	\$23,625		\$5,586	\$5,901	
Total Revenue	\$111,794	\$101,723		\$17,488	\$20,803	
- Expenses	\$113,408	\$105,263	a	<i>June 2022</i>	\$25,816	
Operating Income(Loss)	(\$1,614)	(\$3,540)		<i>expense Info</i>	(\$5,013)	
Government Reimbursement	\$0	\$18,657	b	<i>not yet</i>	\$0	
Net Income (Loss)	(\$1,614)	\$15,117		<i>available</i>	(\$5,013)	
NON-OPERATING				<i>thru 6/26</i>		
Debt Reduction	\$52,196	\$12,929	c	\$1,415	(\$37)	
Investment earnings(loss)	(\$13,583)	\$9,807	d	(\$4,352)	\$1,076	d
Other Non-Operating	\$2,274	\$2,139		\$2,220	\$145	g
Total Non-Oper Revenue	\$40,887	\$24,875		(\$717)	\$1,184	
- Debt Service expenditure	\$23,955	\$23,955		\$4,791	\$4,791	
- All Other expenditures	\$1,716	\$10,345	e	\$587	\$679	
Net Change in Non-Oper	\$15,216	(\$9,425)		(\$6,095)	(\$4,286)	

- Notes:**
- a) Positive expenses variances: 2022 donation by LVCNS towards cleaning; Largest Negative expenses variances are in Pastor Health & Pension; utilities; snow removal
 - b) 2021 one-time PPP reimbursement from Federal government
 - c) 2022 had a single generously large contribution made by one family
 - d) dramatic stock market conditions 2022 versus 2021
 - e) Livestreaming equipment bought in 2021; remainder is mostly Social Ministry
 - f) Preliminary because only activity thru June 26th, 2022 is available.
 - g) Thru 6/26/2022, \$1,600 has been received towards the stained glass window project.

- Non-Oper:**
- Total balance of Cash and Investments in Non-Operating at 6/26/2022 is \$326,499.73 of which \$57,311.03 is dedicated to Debt Reduction. Pending bills against the Non-Operating balance include the furnace and the two stained glass projects, along with a probable additional expense to eliminate the leaks in Faith Hall.
 - Balance of mortgage (on Faith Hall) at 6/2/2022 was \$251,769.27

Comment: 2022 May year-to-date Operating revenue is \$10,071 over 2021, but the preliminary June forecast is ~(\$3,000) unfavorable, bringing the YTD June variance down to about \$7,000. Please remember to keep up with your annual planned giving through the Summer months.

Zion Property

Bridging the future While Preserving the Past



Completed Work at Zion through May 2022

- ◆ Annual fire inspection completed. Violation repairs will have to be made in several areas of the complex.
- ◆ Boilers are installed and are going through their finalization and inspections.
- ◆ After the roof flood test was completed, we had identified an area that leaks which has then moved on to why and where else we may have leaks based on our search. A secondary contractor has evaluated the problem areas so we are now looking to see how repairs can be done and how to proceed. More to follow, yet again.
- ◆ Multiple meetings have been held for the stained glass windows applications. The contractor has picked up the windows and they are in the restoration process.
- ◆ The Oculus window bid has been received and awarded. The contractor has picked up the window and they are in the restoration process.
- ◆ Grass cutting begun May 21st by VM Landscaping.
- ◆ New exhaust fan for office rest room has been installed. Additional lighting has been done in the attic of the office building.
- ◆ Repairs to lighting in the education wing are on going.
- ◆ The stove in Faith Hall Kitchen has been repaired.
- ◆ Water metering for Griffith house has been completed. The occupants will get a meter reading, and the LVCNS will their own separate reading.
- ◆ Motion lighting sensor for the office meeting room has been installed.
- ◆ Outside water faucet on the North side of Faith Hall building, along the driveway, is now functional. Water can now be drawn from there for flowers and outside events such as the Corn Roast.
- ◆ Flowers along the driveway have been planted in the new wine barrels. Lots of help from the Cub Scouts made this possible.
- ◆ Proposals for the new windows in Fields Hall, sponsored by LVCNS, have been received and awarded. The LVCNS is paying for six new Anderson series 400 windows, which will be installed this summer in Fields Hall. This will eliminate the safety issues associated with the old windows, and allow for easy opening and closing, as well as offers screens for those mild days when fresh air is welcome.

New/Future Business

- ◆ Exit parking lot potholes will need additional cold pack to fill in the potholes.
- ◆ Everyone is asked to be vigilant about turning off lights throughout the properties when they are not in use. Among other things, this saves the church money.
- ◆ Christmas tree discussion for the future.
- ◆ NJ energy rebate program is being looked into to see if Zion qualifies for any rebates when a new boiler is installed.

- ◆ Caulking of thresholds in Faith Hall driveway side will be completed when the weather permits.
- ◆ Plaques for the Hoehn Chapel and the Blaine memorial flagpole have been ordered and we anxiously await their arrival. Thereafter we will have dedications for the flag as well as the Hoehn Chapel sometime this summer.
- ◆ Repairs to fire inspection/violations
- ◆ Replacement of Zone valves and circulator pump for the church complex.



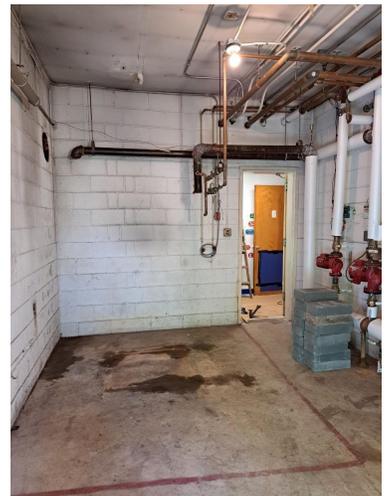
Thank you
Cub Scouts
for helping
to plant the
Barrels!



Burt has
been busy!

Thank You
Burt!!





Andrew Hall & Sons came and removed the old boiler and installed the new one.

Thank you *Burt* for all your hard work and research for this.



All done.
New boiler installed!!





Vacation Bible School

July 18th -22nd



We are looking for volunteers for the Rocky Railway crew!



Who? You, your friends and neighbors-teens and adults

What? Assisting at amazing VBS learning stations-science, railroad, crafts, outdoor games, snacks, music and stories and helping our preschool and elementary students learn how Jesus' power can pull them through all of life's ups and downs.

When? July 18-22 from 9 am -12 noon

Where? Right at Zion on our own Rocky Railway VBS.

Why? To help share the good news that Jesus is always with us and powers our lives!



How do I sign up? Contact Judy Bumpus at judy@bump.us to volunteer for the entire week or for a day or two. Join the fun!

We are also seeking a railroad deconstruction crew to help with cleanup on Friday, July 22 at 12:30 pm for an hour or two. Many hands will make light work!

VBS volunteer orientation

All aboard for our Rocky Railway VBS volunteer orientation session.

The "train" will depart from FAITH HALL at 10 am on Sunday, July 10. All VBS volunteers are invited to hop aboard.

The trip will be brief and to the point. We will discuss logistics (class lists, schedules, etc), get an overview of our theme and the Bible stories we will cover, have some emergency training (epi-pen, where to meet in case of fire alarm, etc). Information, food, fun and most important - celebration of how we have witnessed Jesus' power in our lives giving us hope and joy!

See you there!
Judy Bumpus
Marcia Horner
Meghan Callow, VBS co-directors



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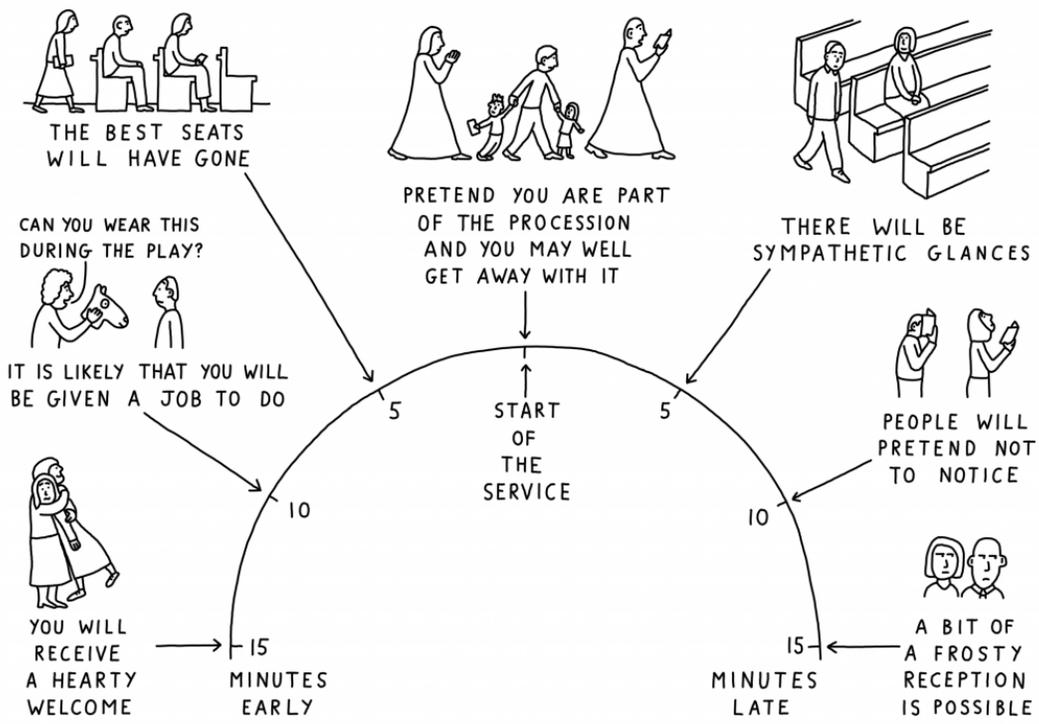


We wanted to express our thanks to our family of friends at Zion for your presence at our "60" Wedding Anniversary party. A special thank you to Jance Denzler and her "kitchen cuties"! Jance transformed Faith Hall into a lovely party atmosphere as well! This shared experience and warm memory it created will always keep us committed not only to each other but to include each and every one of you as well.



Love and Blessings,
Gale & Linda Tucker

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Happy Birthday to all our July Birthday's !

May each and every day of this year be full of many more
surprises for you... Happy Birthday

- 1 **Beatriz Naglestad**
- 2 **Deena Salvatore**
- 3 **Makena Hanft**
- 4 **The United States of
America**
Melissa Bataille
Eric Prussack
- 6 **Melissa Hurley**
- 7 **Lynnae Crupi**
Cooper Hennessey
- 8 **Brinley Basho**
- 9 **Molly Demayo**
Gale Tucker
- 10 **Evan Mitchell**
- 12 **Allison Keller**
Doug Koeppen
Alex Pedersen

- 13 **Bob Butynes**
- 15 **John Hurley, Jr.**
Jim Rasmussen
- 16 **Sean Howell**
- 17 **Courtney Derr**
Samuel Hollien
- 18 **Joseph Snyder**
- 19 **Ellen Blaine**
Thomas Lee
- 20 **Austin Pedersen**
Megan Davis
- 23 **Jeanne Howell**
Colton Rooney
- 26 **Logan Burke**
- 27 **Blakely Rooney**
- 29 **Arne Olsen**



Wishing America a very Happy Birthday.

Happy Independence Day!



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